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SUMMARY. BELGIAN AID TO PORTUGAL WILL BE EXTENDED PRIMARILY
THROUGH EC, BUT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING COMPLEMENTARY
DIRECT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. BELGIUM STRONGLY SUPPORTS EC LONG AND SHORT TERM EFFORTS TO
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ASSIST PORTUGAL WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN FULLY COVERED BY USEC

REPORTS. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT PORTUGUESE, DESPITE NUMEROUS MISSION BACK AND FORTH, HAVE NOT YET COME UP WITH CONCRETE PROPOSALS WHICH EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK MIGHT EXAMINE.

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2. FOLLOWING EC MINISTERS DECISION THAT EC MEMBER STATES SHOULD COMPLEMENT EC EFFORTS BILATERALLY, BELGIUM IS SEEKING MEANS AND FUNDS WITH WHICH TO DO SO. FOREIGN MINISTRY FIRST PROPOSED 100 MILLION BF STATE TO STATE LOAN, BUT FINANCE MINISTRY DID NOT APPROVE IDEA. FOREIGN MINISTRY THEN, DRAWING ON RECENT OECD CLASSIFICATION OF PORTUGAL AS A "DEVELOPING COUNTRY", CONCEIVED OF SCHEME TO USE ECONOMIC COOPERATION FUNDS UNDER ITS CONTROL FOR USE IN PORTUGAL. THIS PROPOSAL IS PRESENTLY BEING STAFFED OUT IN FOREIGN MINISTRY BOTH FOR ITS FEASIBILITY AND FOR THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE. A DECISION IS EXPECTED PRIOR TO OFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGIUM BY PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES ON JAN 27 AND JAN 28. END NOFORN. FIRESTONE

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